

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Pacific Dogwood (*cornus nuttallii*) was nurtured and cultivated by the earliest settlers of the Milwaukie area, including the Clackamas people who used the Dogwood to weave baskets and make other utensils; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon State Legislature incorporated the Town of Milwaukie on May 21, 1903, after years of organized community action that sought to seek local control of the area's infrastructure and shared spaces; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1952, a plaque was placed by the Susannah Lee Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Milwaukie's first mayor, William Shindler, to mark the location of the then-largest native Pacific Dogwood in the United States, which stood at 65-feet in height and 7-feet in circumference; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1962, after an organized community effort the City Council adopted Resolution 25-1962 designating the Pacific Dogwood as the city's official flower and "The Dogwood City of the West" as the city's nickname; and

WHEREAS, the people of Milwaukie continue to find great appreciation for the Pacific Dogwood and other variations of the species by planting Dogwoods in yards, parks, and shared spaces across this city; and

WHEREAS, by designating May 21st as Dogwood Day, this city continues to recognize the beauty of the Dogwood blossom as an emblem of our shared commitment to the earth and to each other as the Milwaukie community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2021, to be Dogwood Day in Milwaukie, *The Dogwood City of the West*.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 18th day of May 2021.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder